

Senate Bill No. 341

(By Senators D. Hall, Trump, Blair, Beach, Karnes, Sypolt,
Williams and Woelfel)

[Originating in the Committee on Agriculture and Rural
Development; reported January 28, 2015.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §19-1C-4 of the Code of West
Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the Livestock Care
Standards Board; and permitting the commissioner to approve
and submit rules established by the board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §19-1C-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as
amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1C. CARE OF LIVESTOCK.

§19-1C-4. Powers and duties of the board.

- 1 (a) The board has the following powers and duties to:
- 2 (1) Establish standards governing the care and well
- 3 being of livestock;

4 (2) Maintain food safety;

5 (3) Encourage locally grown and raised food; and

6 (4) Protect West Virginia farms and families.

7 (b) The board is also authorized to establish standards by

8 legislative rule to be approved and submitted by the

9 commissioner pursuant to the provisions of article three,

10 chapter twenty-nine-a of this code, governing the care and

11 well being of livestock in this state, including:

12 (1) The agricultural best management practices for the

13 care and well being of livestock and poultry in this state;

14 (2) Procedures for addressing complaints regarding the

15 inhumane treatment of livestock and coordinating efforts

16 with county humane officers;

17 (3) Biosecurity, disease prevention, animal morbidity and

18 mortality data;

19 (4) Food safety practices; and

20 (5) The protection of local, affordable food supplies for

21 consumers.

22 (c) The Department of Agriculture shall administer and
23 enforce the standards established by the board that are
24 approved by the Legislature.